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Terminology

This Compendium defines sanitation as a multi-step process in which human excreta and wastewater are managed from the point of generation to the point of use or ultimate disposal. A Sanitation System is a context-specific series of technologies and services for the management of these wastes (or resources), i.e. for their collection, containment, transport, transformation, utilisation or disposal. A sanitation system is comprised of **Products (/sanitation-systems/terminology/products)** (wastes) which travel through **Functional Groups (/sanitation-systems/terminology/functional-groups)** which contain **Technologies (/sanitation-systems/terminology/technologies)** which can be selected according to the context. By selecting a **Technologies (/sanitation-systems/terminology/technologies)**for each **Products (/sanitation-systems/terminology/products)**from each applicable **Functional Groups (/sanitation-systems/terminology/functional-groups)**, one can design a logical **Sanitation Systems (/sanitation-systems /terminology/sanitation-systems)**.

A sanitation system also includes the management, operation and maintenance (O&M) required to ensure that the system functions safely and sustainably. A **Sanitation Systems (/sanitation-systems/terminology/sanitation-systems)** defines a suite of compatible technology combinations from which a system can be designed. In Part 1 of this Compendium nine different sanitation system templates are described. A detailed explanation how system templates function and how they are used is given in the section "**Using the System Templates (/sanitation-systems/how-use/using-the-system-templates)**".

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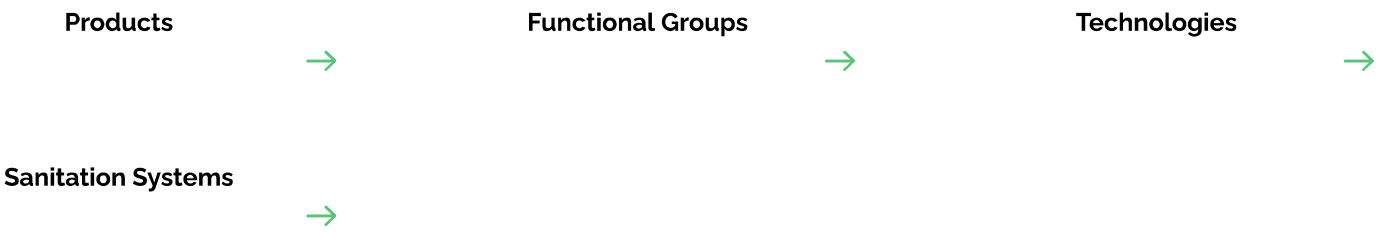
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